

Application No. 10/777,935

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for cleaning a barbeque grill ~~having a number of rungs~~, the apparatus comprising:
a cleaning ~~end~~structure ~~including proximal and distal portions, the distal portion of the cleaning end~~
having first and second diverging cleaning members, each cleaning member having an inner edge, an outer edge, and a terminal end,
~~an elongate portion~~a shaft having first and second ends, ~~wherein the second end terminates substantially at the proximal portion of the cleaning end, wherein the apparatus facilitates cleaning substantially the entire external surface area of an individual rung of the grill without having to disassemble the grill~~a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the distal end of the shaft transitions into the cleaning structure,
wherein the cleaning structure and the shaft are integrally formed from a single and continuous piece of material.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~elongate portion~~shaft has a circular cross-section.

4. – 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the ~~outer edge~~terminal end of each cleaning member is ~~curved having a radius and extends from the proximal portion to the terminal end~~arcuately shaped.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cleaning ~~end~~structure is disposed at a first angle relative to the ~~elongate portion~~shaft.

10. – 17. (canceled)

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18. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a handle ~~connected~~
attached to the first proximal end of the elongate portionshaft.

19. – 22. (canceled)

23. (new) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the handle is substantially cylindrical and has a central axial bore for receiving the proximal end of the shaft.

24. (new) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cleaning structure and shaft are formed from a single piece of steel, and the cleaning structure is formed by forging the steel at the distal end of the shaft.

25. (new) A device for scraping a rung of a barbeque grill, the device comprising:
an elongate steel shaft having a substantially cylindrical proximal end and a flattened distal end;
a cleaning structure integrally formed as a continuous part of the flattened distal end of the shaft, the
cleaning structure comprising two diverging prongs separated by a central gap for receiving
the rung of the grill, the central gap terminating in an arcuate scraping edge disposed where
the prongs meet in the distal end of the shaft; and
a handle having a central axial bore for receiving the proximal end of the shaft.

26. (new) The device of claim 25 wherein the handle is substantially cylindrical.

27. (new) The device of claim 25 wherein the flattened distal end of the shaft is forged.

28. (new) The device of claim 25 wherein the handle is formed from wood.